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FOR: Adenoviral Vector Encoding
Pro-Apoptotic Bax Gene and
Uses Thereof

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The Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 29, 2001,
please enter the following amendments and remarks.
Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

B 1. (twice amended) An inducible recombinant adenoviral vector encoding an pro-apoptotic *bax* gene, wherein coding sequence of said *bax* gene is placed downstream of a loxP excision cassette.